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Letter dated 13 March 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the address of the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) of Ukraine to the United Nations, adopted on 13 March 2014.

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 13 March 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

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In spite of the moderate and restrained practice of the State authorities of Ukraine and its armed forces, the situation on the territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea continues to deteriorate dramatically owing to the activization of actions of the armed forces and the Black Sea Fleet of the Russian Federation. In practice, it is the issue of an unprovoked act of aggression against Ukraine on the part of the Russian Federation.

Ukraine, as a Founding State Member of the United Nations, and based on the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article 1 and paragraphs 3 and 4 of Article 2 of the Charter of the United Nations, calls upon the United Nations, according to paragraph 2 of Article 11, to immediately examine the situation in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea in connection with the violations by the Russian Federation of basic principles of international law, stipulated by the United Nations Charter.

The Verkhovna Rada declares that, in accordance with the right to self-defence, acknowledged by the United Nations Charter (Article 51), Ukraine reserves the right to request the States and the regional collective security systems to assist in restoring its sovereignty, territorial integrity and inviolability.